



Central AZ HIV Prevention Advocates



Full Group Meeting May 8, 2007 1366 E Thomas Rd. Suite 108, Phoenix AZ Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Jack Addington, Delono Ashley, Lorraine Brown, Victor Byrd, David Dubé, Todd Evans, Erica Ferguson, Beverly Foust, Randall Furrow, Scott Haverstock, Kelli Houston, Dennis Huff, Barr Jenkins, Mary Leasor, Ty Lopez, Diana Mitchell, Victor Pawlak, Larry Stähli, Cathy Torrez-Paddack, Jason Vail Cruz

Excused Absences: David Aguirre, Alisa Cusseaux, Teisha Doyle-Shoudis, Trudie Jackson, Lori Robinson, Carla Sandine

Order:

Larry Stähli called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Larry reviewed housekeeping items. Introductions were made. Randall Furrow volunteered as Time Monitor and Cathy Paddack volunteered as Process Monitor.

Team Builder:

Dennis Huff lead members through a small group team building activity.

Gecko Grapevine:

Mary Leasor presented the group with a brief description of what the group's purpose is and its role as an advisory body to the AZ Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the statewide planning group, the HIV Prevention Planning Group of AZ (PPGA).

She provided the group with the co-chair contact information:

Mary Leasor	(602) 506-6009	maryleasor@mail.maricopa.gov
Dennis Huff	(602) 279-5262 ext 243	dhuff@nachci.com
Larry Stähli	(602) 896-9300	ishnatah@mac.com

Members approved the March 13, 2007 minutes.

Committee updates were provided. Jason Vail Cruz announced that the Research and Funding committee is continuing to work on locating new sources of funding and creating a capacity building workshop for groups interested in providing HIV Prevention services. The workshop is scheduled for July 14-15, 2007 and will cover topics including an introduction to HIV prevention, grant writing, evaluation, and collaboration. The next Research and Funding committee meeting is scheduled for Thurs. May 10, 2007 from 2-4 PM at the Maricopa County Dept. of Public Health administrative offices (4041 N. Central Ave, Phoenix) in the 15th floor Joshua conference room. All are welcome to attend.

Larry Stähli announced that the Membership committee is working on several projects including a member retreat and member trainings. The next Membership committee meeting is scheduled for Mon. June 4, 2007 from 11:30 AM- 1 PM at the Maricopa County Dept. of Public Health administrative offices (4041 N. Central Ave, Phoenix) in the 15th floor Joshua conference room. All are welcome to attend.

The next PPGA meeting is scheduled for Mon. June 11, 2007 at 10 AM at the Area Agency on Aging (1366 E. Thomas Rd, Phoenix). All are welcome to attend.

Mary will be attending the HIV Prevention Leadership Summit (HPLS) in May and will bring back handouts and resources to share with the group at the July meeting. Erica noted that due to funding limitations, ADHS was not able to sponsor additional members to attend HPLS this year.

Mary announced that Larry Stähli was nominated for a second term. He was unopposed in the night's scheduled election. Victor Pawlak made the motion to re-elect Larry and all members were in favor. Larry will serve an additional 2 year term. The group congratulated and thanked Larry for his leadership.

Ryan White Planning Council report:

Larry Stähli reported that the Planning Council has not received notice regarding its supplemental application. They hope to have more information in mid-May. Unlike previous years, the Minority AIDS Initiative funding applications are due at the end of May. The funding will be for a 3 year award. The Planning Council has its application ready.

The Council will be voting on 2005 carry-over funds for the dental program and the media campaign at its next meeting.

The next Planning Council meeting will be held Thurs. May 10, 2007 from 5-6:30 PM at the Area Agency on Aging (1366 E. Thomas Rd) in the 1st floor conference room. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Planning Council Support at (602) 506-5002.

Hepatitis C Coalition report:

Victor Pawlak reported that the Hep C Coalition continues to discuss restructuring and recruiting new members.

May is Hepatitis Awareness Month (Nov. is Hep C Awareness Month). The Governor signed a proclamation to show her support.

The Coalition will be applying again this year for the Syringe Access Fund grant to bring awareness to the need for sterile needles. The Coalition applied last year, but was not awarded funds. The grant is due in May.

Victor will be presenting about Hep C advocacy in Stockholm at a conference in June.

The next meeting will be Fri. June 1, 2007 at 11:30 AM. Location is TBD. Lunch will be provided. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. For more information on the Hep C Coalition, call (602) 769-1004 or go to www.hepcaz.net

Announcements:

- ✂ Cathy Paddock announced that TERROS has Hepatitis A and B vaccines available for those at risk. Free Hep C testing is also available. To find out more information contact TERROS at (602) 685-6086.
- ✂ Dennis Huff noted that Native American Community Health Center has moved to a new location- 4520 N. Central Ave, Phoenix in Suite 350. Dennis welcomed everyone to come and stop by.
- ✂ Erica announced that ADHS has released a RFGA (Request for Grant Application) for Arizona Health Disparities Collaborative Community Projects. There is \$100,000 in available funding and

grant awards are anticipated to vary. For more information go to:
<http://www.azdhs.gov/procurement/grants.htm>

- ✚ Scott Haverstock announced that the Missionary Order of the Grand Canyon Sisters along with the youth Mpowerment program (a collaboration of Body Positive, Native Health and 1 in 10) will be hosting an event for the International Day Against Homophobia on Thurs. May 17, 2007. The event begins at 6 PM. For more information go to: <http://www.azsisters.org>
- ✚ Jason reminded everyone that there will be a World AIDS Day planning meeting on Fri. May 18, 2007 at ADHS (150 N 18th Ave, Phoenix) in room 115B from 10-11:30 AM. All are welcome to attend and help plan the 2007 event.
- ✚ Cathy Paddack added that the SavorLife “Host a Dinner, Host Hope” event organized by Aunt Rita’s foundation will be held at the Sandra Day O’Connor U.S. Courthouse building in downtown Phoenix on Sept. 29, 2007. This year, plates designed by artists and celebrities will be auctioned off. To find out more about the event, or to share ideas go to:
<http://www.auntritasfoundation.org/savorlife2007.html>
- ✚ Mary read an announcement that Trudie Jackson sent in. The Native CPG Face to Face Summit will be held in Tempe in August. Trudie will share more details when they are available.
- ✚ Delono Ashley announced that the Arizona American Indian HIV Prevention Task Force will be meeting Fri. May 11, 2007 from 10 AM- 3:30 PM at the Wild Horse Pass Resort (5594 W. Wildhorse Pass Blvd, Phoenix) in the Anthony B. Shelde room. All are welcome to attend.
- ✚ Ty Lopez noted that he and Trudie Jackson attended the Circle of Harmony Conference in March. There was an emphasis on spirituality at the conference. Ty was disappointed that there was not more information on Transgender issues. He thought it was a good event overall.
- ✚ Ty announced that he is volunteering as the house manager for the This is H.O.W. halfway house.
<http://www.thisishow.net>
- ✚ Erica noted that the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance sent out a message that Tucson was selected as the location for an International Transgender conference this year. It will be a week long conference at the Double Tree Reid Park hotel. Erica will send Mary more information to pass along to members.
- ✚ Erica also announced that the Southern regional planning group, SAHPPG, has a new coordinator- Miguel Soto. Miguel is a SAHPPG and PPGA member and had been working for COPE Behavioral Health in Tucson. Miguel has filled the position that had been vacated by Floyd Meeks earlier this year.
- ✚ Ty announced that there will be a Family Wellness Conference in Tucson on Sat. June 9, 2007. There will also be a pow-wow in the evening.

A.N.E.W. presentation:

Jason Vail Cruz and Cathy Paddack discussed the A.N.E.W. (Assisting & Nurturing Effective Wisdom) program that is funded by SAMHSA. TERROS is the lead agency on the project with many other agencies including Body Positive, Native Health, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, Concilio Latino de Salud, Alongside Ministries, and AAHHERC delivering the program in collaboration.

The program was funded to prevent either the onset or relapse of substance abuse and the onset of any form of hepatitis and HIV in ethnic minority communities. It is a 5 year intervention ending in 2010.

In the first year of the grant, the collaboration determined the intervention model. They are using the Say It Straight cognitive-behavioral intervention. (www.sayitstraight.org) For the first year of the intervention, the program is focusing on adults from ethnic minority communities with a special emphasis on persons with an incarceration history. Non-minority persons will not be turned away from services, but due to funding there will be a limited number allowed. In next year the program will be targeting the children and teens of program graduates in hopes of helping families communicate better and have improved outcomes.

The program provides extensive referrals for housing, vocational training, mental health services and other basic needs. Staff want to help participants meet their basic needs so that they can be more successful in the program and in their lives.

The program collaborators are also working to outreach to the business community to help build sustainability. As part of the program, participants will receive gift cards/coupons to local area businesses (instead of Wal-Mart, etc). This will help build capacity for the entire community. Additionally, to help foster sustainability, participants can become trained to deliver the Say It Straight intervention in their communities after they have completed the program.

The intervention was pilot tested with active-using homeless persons. The participants who completed the program wanted it to be available to all homeless people and had positive outcomes such as going into treatment and gaining employment.

The program holds monthly planning/advisory meetings for the collaborative partners and interested community members. All are welcome to attend and provide input. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 6 PM at 3003 N Central Ave, Phoenix in the Lower Level conference room. The next meeting will be June 7, 2007.

Meeting Adjourned:

Mary adjourned the meeting at 6:50PM. **The next full group meeting is scheduled for Tues. July 10, 2007 from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Area Agency on Aging at 1366 E. Thomas Rd, Phoenix in the 1st floor conference room.** Please contact Mary for more information at (602) 506-6009.

Minutes prepared by Mary Leasor, MSW, Central AZ HIV Prevention Advocates Coordinator.